

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

DESCRIPTION

Disc Cartridge

Technical Field

~~This invention relates to a disc cartridge, having a disc-shaped recording medium, such as an optical disc, held therein.~~

~~— This application claims priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-281395, filed on July 28, 2003, Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-281391, filed on July 28, 2003, and Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-140491, filed on May 10, 2004, the entireties of which are incorporated by reference herein.~~

Background Art

SPECIFICATION

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

DISC CARTRIDGE

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-281395, filed on July 28, 2003, Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-281391, filed on July 28, 2003, and Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-140491, filed on May 10, 2004, the disclosures of which in entirety are incorporated by reference herein.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a disc cartridge having a disc-shaped recording medium, such as an optical disc held therein.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Disclosure of the Invention~~

~~—— It is an object of the present invention to provide a disc cartridge which may be further reduced in size keeping with the disc housed therein.~~

~~—— It is another object of the present invention to provide a disc cartridge which may be readily smoothly loaded on a recording and/or reproducing apparatus.~~

~~—— It is a further object of the present invention to provide a disc cartridge in which a part of a signal recording area of a disc housed within the main cartridge body unit may reliably be exposed to outside across the inner and outer rims of the disc.~~

~~—— It is a further object of the present invention to provide a disc cartridge in which a recording and/or reproducing aperture for exposing a part of the disc housed within the main cartridge body unit may reliably be opened/closed.~~

~~—— It is a further object of the present invention to provide a disc cartridge in which a shutter unit for opening/closing the recording and/or reproducing aperture provided to the main cartridge body unit may be moved in stability.~~

~~—— It is a further object of the present invention to provide a disc cartridge in which, while the size thereof is further reduced in keeping with the disc accommodated therein, the disc loaded on the recording and/or reproducing apparatus may reliably be ejected.~~

~~—— It is a further object of the present invention to provide a disc cartridge in which engagement with the ejection unit provided to the recording and/or reproducing apparatus may be reliably achieved to enable stable ejection.~~

~~—— It is another object of the present invention to provide a disc cartridge which may reliably be loaded on the recording and/or reproducing apparatus.~~

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a disc cartridge, having a disc-shaped recording medium, such as an optical disc held therein.

The present invention provides in an embodiment a disc cartridge which may be further reduced in size keeping with the disc housed therein.

The present invention provides in an embodiment a disc cartridge which may be readily smoothly loaded on a recording and/or reproducing apparatus.

The present invention provides in an embodiment a disc cartridge in which a part of a signal recording area of a disc housed within the main cartridge body unit may reliably be exposed to outside across the inner and outer rims of the disc.

The present invention provides in an embodiment a disc cartridge in which a recording and/or reproducing aperture for exposing a part of the disc housed within the main cartridge body unit may reliably be opened/closed.

The present invention provides in an embodiment a disc cartridge in which a shutter unit for opening/closing the recording and/or reproducing aperture provided to the main cartridge body unit may be moved in stability.

The present invention provides in an embodiment a disc cartridge in which, while the size thereof is further reduced in keeping with the disc accommodated therein, the disc loaded on the recording and/or reproducing apparatus may reliably be ejected.

The present invention provides in an embodiment a disc cartridge in which engagement with the ejection unit provided to the recording and/or reproducing apparatus may be reliably achieved to enable stable ejection.

The present invention provides in an embodiment a disc cartridge which may reliably be loaded on the recording and/or reproducing apparatus.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Other objects and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent from the description of the following embodiments thereof especially when read in conjunction with the drawing.~~

Additional features and advantages of the present invention are described in, and will be apparent from, the following Detailed Description of the Invention and the figures.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Brief Description of the Drawings

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 19 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Best Mode for Carrying out the Invention~~

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a disc cartridge, having a disc-shaped recording medium, such as an optical disc, held therein.

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 12 of page 39:

It should be understood that various changes and modifications to the presently preferred embodiments described herein will be apparent to those skilled in the art. Such changes and modifications can be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention and without diminishing its intended advantages. It is therefore intended that such changes and modifications be covered by the appended claims.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 43, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

ABSTRACT

~~Disclosed is a disc cartridge including an optical disc (2) and a main cartridge body unit (5) rotatably housing the optical disc (2). A lateral surface of the main cartridge body unit as an inserting end of the main cartridge body unit into the recording and/or reproducing apparatus is a semicircular arcuate section (7) having the center of the optical disc accommodated in the main cartridge body unit as center. The direction of insertion of the main cartridge body unit into the recording and/or reproducing apparatus may be discriminated readily to achieve smooth loading.~~

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A disc cartridge is provided. The disc cartridge includes an optical disc and a main cartridge body unit rotatably housing the optical disc. A lateral surface of the main cartridge body unit as an inserting end of the main cartridge body unit into the recording and/or

reproducing apparatus is a semicircular arcuate section having the center of the optical disc accommodated in the main cartridge body unit as center. The direction of insertion of the main cartridge body unit into the recording and/or reproducing apparatus may be discriminated readily to achieve smooth loading.